improvement in the State of Bihar to increase milk production in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made under the programme in the State so far; and

(c) what other measures Government propose to take to increase milk production in Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) No Sir.

(c) Animal Husbandry is a State Subject. The State Government are responsible for the development of this Sector for increasing the production of the livestock products including milk. Government of India has however been assisting the States including the State of Bihar under various Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development Schemes for supplementing their efforts. A list of these schemes is enclosed.

List of Centrally Sponsored Schemes

A. *Animal Husbandary*

1. Extension of Frozen Semen Technology & Progeny Testing Programme.
2. Assistance to States for Feed & Fodder Development.
3. National Project on Rinderpest Eradication.
4. Assistance to States for Control of Animal Diseases.
5. Professional Efficiency Development.
6. Assistance to States for improvement of Abattoirs/Establishment of carcass utilisation centres and Primary Flaying Units.
7. Integrated Sample Survey for Estimation of Major Livestock Production in the State/UTs and Strengthening of animal husbandary statistics cell at Headquarters.
8. National Bull Production Programme.
9. National Ram/Buck Production Programme and Programme for Rabbit Development.
10. Development of Pack Animals.
11. Assistance to States for Intcgrated Piggery Development.

B. *Dairy Development*

1. Swiss Aided Dairy Development Project in North Kerala.

List of Central Sector Schemes

A. *Animal Husbandary*

1. Animal Husbandry Extension Programme.

B. *Dairy Development*

1. Integrated Dairy Development Project in Non-operation Flood, hilly and backward areas.

Foreign Equity in Mining

1232. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently foreign equity upto 50% and even beyond has been permitted even in a sensitive area like mining; and

(b) whether Government would consider limiting foreign equity in mining of Gold, Diamonds and other rare metals, materials and earths to 40%?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. With the announcement of National Mineral Policy, 1993, foreign investment in equity would normally be limited to 50% and this limitation would not apply to captive mines of any mineral processing industry. Enhanced equity holding can also be considered on case to case basis.

(b) No, Sir.

Replacement of Timber by an Environment Friendly Construction Material

1233. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether CPWD have stopped the use of timber in construction activities;

(b) if so, whether any alternative environment friendly construction material has been identified; and

(c) the steps being taken to popularise this material?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. Alternative materials are:—

1. Medium Density Fibre Board.
2. Fibre Reinforced Plastic.
3. Eucalyptus wood.
4. Exponded polysty rena.
5. Red Mud Pilymer.
6. Pressed Steel.
7. Particle Board.
8. P.V.C. Shutters.
9. Laminated Veneer Lumber Shutters.

(c) Steps being taken to popularise the above materials are as under:—

(i) Specifications have been finalised for most of the alternatives and circulated to field units for adoption of suitable alternative in place of timber in consonance with local condition:—

(ii) Organising National Seminar.

(iii) By publishing articles in News Paper.

(iv) By presenting the work done by the CPWD in various technical committtees.

Dharna against Delhi Rent Control Amendment Bill, 1995

1234. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA:

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether recently a dharna was staged by traders against the Delhi Rent Control Amendment Bill, 1995 passed by Parliament; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereon and steps taken to resolve this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir. Traders have staged dharnas at various places in Delhi in protest against the Delhi Rent Bill, 1995.

(b) The matter is under the consideration of Government.

Measures to Expedite Recoveries from Lessees owing more than Rs. One Crore to Govt.

1235. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many lessees/parties owed more than Rs. one crore to Government in respect of leased property, as on June 30, 1995;

(b) what are the names of those lessees/parties and what is the amount due from each; and

(c) what measures are being taken to expedite the recovery, particularly from those who have gone to courts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) to (c). The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Review and restructuring of DDA

1236. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high level meeting was convened recently to review the working and restructuring of DDA; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) No, Sir. This Ministry had not convened any high level meeting recently to review the working and restructuring of DDA. However,